

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 PARIS 15444 161610Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----114009 180433Z /14

R 161424Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1545
INFO USLO PEKING
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

S E C R E T PARIS 15444

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: FR, CH
SUBJECT: FRENCH-CHINESE RELATIONS: ELYSEE COMMENTS ON
KU MU VISIT AND ARMS SALES

REF: A) PARIS 14552, B) PARIS 14676, C) PARIS 4008

1. ELYSEE INTERNATIONAL STAFF SOURCE (PROTECT THROUGH-
OUT) CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF MAY 12 THAT NO AGREEMENTS ON
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OR ARMS SALES WERE REACHED DURING
KU MU VISIT TO FRANCE.

2. KU MU DID MAKE CLEAR KEEN CHINESE INTEREST IN THESE
ISSUES IN HIS CONVERSATIONS AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING IN
HIS MEETING WITH GISCARD. IN THIS CONNECTION HE CON-
FIRMED CHINESE MILITARY SHOPPING LIST WHICH RANGES
ACROSS THE BOARD OF FRANCE'S MOST SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS.
KU MU ALSO MADE CLEAR CHINA'S PREFERENCE TO BUY LIMITED
QUANTITIES OF THESE SYSTEMS PLUS LICENSES TO PRODUCE
THEM RATHER THAN BULK PURCHASES AS SUCH, AS FRENCH
WOULD PREFER.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 PARIS 15444 161610Z

3. KU MU WAS TOLD THAT FRANCE WAS INTERESTED IN SELLING
CHINA DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS AND THE FRAMATOME NUCLEAR POWER
PLANT, BUT THAT FRANCE HAD ENGAGEMENTS VIS-A-VIS ITS
OWN COMMERCIAL PARTNERS, COCOM, IAEA AND IN THE NPT.
FRENCH WOULD THEREFORE EXAMINE PROBLEMS THESE COMMIT-
MENTS POSED AND WOULD TRY TO FIND POSITIVE SOLUTIONS
"ADAPTED TO CHINA'S" CASE. KU MU, WE ARE TOLD, LISTENED

POLITELY AND SAID THAT ALL THAT WAS FRANCE'S PROBLEM.

4. SOURCE THEN REITERATED FOR OUR BENEFIT THE SERIOUSNESS OF GISCARD'S DETERMINATION TO HONOR FRANCE'S COMMITMENTS. FRENCH TECHNICIANS WERE NOW STUDYING ISSUES AND WILL TRY TO COME UP WITH ANSWERS TAILORED TO CHINESE SITUATION. MOREOVER, FRENCH WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH AND CONSULT WITH US AT HIGH LEVELS. AND, SINCE MAJOR POLITICAL STAKES ARE INVOLVED, GISCARD WILL PROBABLY WISH TO RAISE CHINA SALES ISSUES WITH PRESIDENT WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON MAY 26. HE MAY ALSO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS OF KU MU CONVERSATION.

5. ASKED IF SOVIETS HAD BEEN PRESSURING FRENCH IN CONNECTION KU MU VISIT, SOURCE SAID THEY HAD, AND HAD WARNED DARKLY AGAINST ARMS SALES. ELYSEE FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS ON QUITE DEFENSIBLE GROUND VIS-A-VIS MOSCOW IF IT SELLS ONLY DEFENSIVE ARMS, SUCH AS ANTITANK MISSILES. SOURCE ADMITTED THAT LINE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DRAW IN SOME CASES.

6. AS REGARDS FUTURE FRENCH-CHINESE CONTACTS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WAS CONFIRMED WITH KU MU ON A HUA VISIT. NO DATES HAVE BEEN SET, HOWEVER, AND, CONTRARY TO WHAT FRENCH HAVE BEEN SAYING PUBLICLY, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR IF VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 PARIS 15444 161610Z

HARTMAN

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRIME MINISTER, AGREEMENTS, ARMS, SALES, FOREIGN RELATIONS, VISITS, MILITARY SALES, NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 may 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PARIS15444
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780208-1024
Format: TEL
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780554/aaaabtqu.tel
Line Count: 95
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f146c19c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 78 PARIS 14552, 78 PARIS 14676, 78 PARIS 4008
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2678369
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FRENCH-CHINESE RELATIONS: ELYSEE COMMENTS ON KU MU VISIT AND ARMS SALES
TAGS: OVIP, MASS, MMOL, FR, CH, (KU MU)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f146c19c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014